

Remarks

Applicant has considered the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2007. Claims 9, 11-17 and 19-20 are pending in the present patent application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-20 and objected to claim 14. In response to the Office Action, Applicant canceled claim 14 and incorporated the subject matter therefrom into claims 9 and 17. In addition, Applicant amended claim 15 to recite proper dependency. No new matter has been added. Applicant requests further examination and reconsideration of the present patent application.

The Examiner rejected claims 9, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-20 under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over Elzur (US Patent Application Publication Number US2003/0172342) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior (AAPA) further in view of Clayton et al. (US Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0123013).

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claim 14 contains allowable subject matter but is dependent upon a rejected base claim. In order to expedite prosecution of the present patent application and obtain an allowance, Applicant canceled claim 14 and incorporated the subject matter therefrom into independent claims 9 and 17. Applicant is not conceding in this application that the claims prior to this amendment are not patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner and reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation, divisional and/or reissue patent applications. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 9 and 17 and claims 11-13, 15-16 and

19-20 which depend therefrom, respectively, are patentable over Elzur in view of AAPA and further in view of Clayton et al. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove the §103(a) rejection of claims 9, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-20.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider this application and allow claims 9, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-20.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present patent application, the Examiner can call Applicant's attorney, David C. Goldman, at telephone number (518) 449 0044.

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